

THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen Meeting
City Hall – 10 N. Bemiston Avenue
November 13, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mayor Goldstein called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance:

Aldermen: Michelle Harris, Andrea Maddox-Dallas, Cynthia Garnholz, Mark Winings, Joanne Boulton, and Alex Berger III.

Mayor Goldstein
Acting City Manager Watson
City Attorney O'Keefe *arrived at 7:04pm*

Mayor Goldstein asked for any questions or comments relating to the October 23, 2012 minutes, which were previously provided to the Board.

Alderman Garnholz moved to approve the October 23, 2012 minutes. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Beverly Wagner, 8025 Maryland, Clayton Century Foundation (CCF) Arts reported that several months ago she had submitted applications to St. Louis County Parks to acquire up to nine Ernest Trova sculptures currently located at Laumeier Sculpture Park. She explained that Laumeier Park was permanently loaning the sculptures to those selected in the application process. She was pleased to report that she received a letter from the St. Louis County Parks stating that the Clayton Century Foundation has been awarded four of the *Trova* sculptures – (2) abstracts, (1) geometric, and (1) *Two Standing Poets* all to be loaned for 25 years.

Due to the nature of the timing of accepting the loan, following-up on the necessary steps for approval, moving arrangements, and sites to place the sculptures she wanted to move quickly to inform the Board of the award notification.

Ms. Wagner noted that suggestions for locations for the sculptures are at the Wydown Boulevard and Big Bend intersection, the nature garden in Shaw Park and possibly a location on the Fontbonne University campus at Wydown Boulevard. She said that Gary Feder, President, CCF, had talked with Dr. Denny Golden, President, Fontbonne University and understands that Dr. Golden has shown a great interest in acquiring a piece for the campus library area which could be another idea for a possible gift to help maintain the sculpture. She has also met with Mike Pratt and Gary Scheipeter and noted that these are all high profile locations, but she also understood that all of the proposed locations would be pending the city's approval while also working through the details.

Mayor Goldstein commented that this is exciting news to receive four Trova sculptures, noting that Ernest Trova is a Clayton High School graduate.

Ms. Wagner added that Trova is an internationally acclaimed artist and how exciting it would be to have the sculptures in Clayton. She pointed out that the former Clayton Art Commission Master Plan had recommended a list for future idea sites and suggested focusing on the Plan as a template. Her goal date is to come back to the Board at the next meeting for their approval to move forward.

Alderman Harris clarified that this is an unusual process where the opportunity presented itself and Ms. Wagner quickly took the reins to apply for some of the art pieces.

Patty DeForrest explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission have discussed the placement of one of the pieces in the nature garden at Shaw Park and from there in reference to the donations policy it would have to come before the Board of Aldermen for approval.

Mayor Goldstein commented that the Board will be discussing clarification between the CCF and the Board of Aldermen on future projects. She thanked Ms. Wagner and appreciates all of the work she has done.

Mr. Steve Rosenbloom, 7501 Westmoreland, addressed the Board by reading a statement, *"Four and half years ago I stood before a similar group on behalf of my neighborhood and other interested residents requesting the use of the Maryland School property for a city garden and other uses eventually making it a permanent green space for the city. Since then I have seen the spot transform into a thriving urban garden with a waiting list that has truly brought together the surrounding neighborhoods. I have also seen the space used for the Family Center, the Wilson School, Parks and Rec for soccer fields, T-ball fields and in that time I have also seen the incredible power of this community as a whole through my subsequent involvement with the Clayton History Society and the Clayton Century Foundation. We are blessed to live in a visionary community where amazing things can and will happen. Last week nine of my neighbors went to a similar meeting with the Board of Education and tonight representatives from C The Future, which I was honored to be a part of, will be presenting the Strategic Plan to the Board. One of the key performance areas in the plan was creating and enhancing a livable community. Preserving and acquiring green space was identified as a top priority and is also part of the City's Master Plan. Historically there has been a precedent for the City to step up and acquire property which has been cited for development. Both Shaw Park and Oak Knoll Park was transformed from private property to public spaces at critical moments of the City's history. They've proved to be popular assets for the community and for the region and we cherish these spots. I realize the economics may make this a very difficult scenario to imagine but I personally have seen the success CCF has had in raising funds for the City's Centennial. I think we are at another critical juncture in our history and I would hate to lose this opportunity. I am more than willing to help facilitate conversations about this and other collaborative efforts along with other CCF members and hopefully representatives from the City and School District. I respectfully request that we all consider the greater good and work to make an equitable opportunity for all parties involved. If we can't do this in Clayton than it can't be done. Of all the wonderful things this Board has done and will continue to do this is an opportunity to truly leave a legacy for our children and grandchildren. Thank you."*

Mayor Goldstein thanked Mr. Rosenbloom and complimented him on the work he has done on the success of the community garden.

Mayor Goldstein stated that the Board of Aldermen and the School Board have had conversations. The School Board did approach the City and gave them first rights of refusal which was really appreciated. The City did formally respond to the School Board in a letter dated July 10, 2012 stating that as much as they appreciate the kind gesture from the School District at this point in time it would not be feasible for the City to consider purchasing the Maryland School. She said that the School District has a fiduciary responsibility to sell the property at fair market value and also financially the City is not in a position to acquire that property, nor that it would fit in with the City's Parks Master Plan.

Mayor Goldstein commented that she has had conversations with two residential developers who are interested in preserving the current building and green space.

Mayor Goldstein thanked Mr. Rosenbloom and stated that she appreciated him coming to speak to the Board.

Strategic Plan C The Future

Mayor Goldstein reported that the City has spent the last 18 months working on a community driven Strategic Plan which is about ready to become a reality and implemented. Tonight the Board and the audience will hear a report from three representatives of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee.

Steve Lichtenfeld, Sharmon Wilkinson, and John Lee gave a brief presentation and report to the Board on the Strategic Plan – *C The Future*.

Mr. Lichtenfeld opened up with *C The Future* Vision statement and reported on the key performance areas:

Clayton is recognized regionally and nationally as a premier city of its size and character. The Community is a safe, vibrant destination defined by its unique combination of leading businesses and educational institutions, the seat of county government and picturesque neighborhoods, all of which combine to provide an exceptional quality of life.

Key Performance Areas and Strategic Initiatives

Four key performance areas have been identified for the Clayton community. These are the critical areas that must be successful in order to achieve the vision. Strategic initiatives have also been identified for each key performance area listed below:

Mr. Lee reported on the following key performance area:

Exceptional City Services

Clayton residents, visitors and businesses are proud of its City government and the exceptional level of City services provided by dedicated employees. City services are provided in a financially sustainable manner with high service levels delivered with a commitment to efficiency.

Strategic Initiatives:

- Develop a system of reporting the performance of government to the community.
- Continue to implement the newly established plan to eliminate the structural deficit in the City's operating budget through a combination of expenditure reduction and revenue enhancements.
- Benchmark against industry standards to drive internal performance.
- Evaluate the resource contributions of residents, institutions and the business community in the context of their consumption of City services.

- Evaluate the development review process to make it more user friendly for applicants.

Mr. Lichtenfeld reported on the following key performance area:

Livable Community

Clayton is a sustainable, welcoming community comprised of desirable neighborhoods, attractive green space, diverse artistic, cultural and recreational opportunities and a multi-modal transportation system, all of which foster a safe, healthy and enriched quality of life.

Strategic Initiatives:

- Support public and private art throughout the City.
- Maintain and expand public and private green space.
- Increase evening music and performing art activities.
- Expand complete streets integrating biking/walking programs.
- Promote environmental sustainability building practices.
- Make parks Wi-Fi accessible.
- Create themed special events and festivals.

Dr. Wilkinson reported on the following key performance area:

Strategic Relationships

Clayton ensures its long-term viability as a thriving community and premier destination by developing and leveraging strategic relationships. Clayton leads and fosters collaboration among public, private and non-profit entities for the greater good of the community and the region.

Strategic Initiatives:

- Convene stakeholders to explore and identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination.
- Cultivate strong support for the School District of Clayton's long-term strategic plan.

Mr. Lichtenfeld reported on the last key performance area:

Economic Development and Vibrant Downtown

Clayton is a premier economic center, welcoming and fostering entrepreneurs and new companies, attracting diverse talent while maintaining and promoting established businesses and investment. Clayton's economy and sense of place is anchored by a vibrant downtown that is characterized by a blend of corporate headquarters, local businesses, restaurants, residences, retail uses and regional government.

Strategic Initiatives:

- Increase density in downtown Clayton and other appropriate areas.
- Implement the Downtown Master Plan.
- Develop an economic incentive program that attracts start-ups and entrepreneurs.

Mr. Lichtenfeld stated that they appreciated the opportunity to present the findings of the Strategic Plan report and they feel that it was a visionary process that was thoughtfully initiated, thoughtfully carried out, and they hope that the Board will approve the plan later this evening.

Mayor Goldstein complimented Mr. Lichtenfeld, Dr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Lee on a great presentation and expressed her appreciation for taking the leadership role of representing the Steering Committee to present the findings to the Board. She thinks all of the initiatives are really exciting

and she acknowledged the partnership with the School District and its importance. She acknowledged two Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, (MYAC) members in tonight's audience.

A PUBLIC HEARING AND RELATED ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 405, ZONING REGULATIONS, TO INCLUDE PAINLESS AUTOMOTIVE DENT REPAIR SHOPS AS A CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE IN THE HIGH DENSITY COMMERCIAL (HDC) ZONING District

Alderman Harris moved to open the public hearing to consider Bill No. 6360, a text amendment to Chapter 405 to allow "painless dent repair shops" as a conditionally permitted use in the High Density Commercial zoning district and request proof of publication. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

Alderman Winings recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Acting City Manager Watson reported that this is a public hearing and subsequent ordinance for the Board of Aldermen to consider a private application for a text amendment to the City's Zoning Regulations to allow painless automotive dent repair shops as a conditionally permitted use in the High Density Commercial (HDC) zoning district.

The HDC zoning district is designed to accommodate high intensity office and commercial uses within the central business district. Typical business office uses, medical offices, banks, parking lots, pharmacies and retail establishments are examples of uses currently permitted by right in this district. Allowable automobile related uses include car wash establishments, automobile agencies (car sales) and gasoline and oil service stations (excludes body work); all allowed with Conditional Use Permit approval. Currently, automobile body work (defined in the Zoning Regulations as Auto Repair Shops) is not allowed in the HDC zoning district. This proposal is to allow a modified type of auto repair (body work) classified as *Painless Dent Repair (Automotive)*.

The operational impacts of this automotive related use are significantly less intense than those associated with a typical auto body repair use. Painless dent removal requires no painting or major body work to a vehicle's body after a dent is removed and is designed to be quick, easy and convenient. Painless dent removal involves only the use of small tools and suction devices to fix vehicle dents; painless dent removal involves no major vehicle body reconstruction.

Staff has reviewed the application and has studied the operational aspects of the use by visiting an existing business currently in operation located in the City of Ballwin, Missouri. (Dent Devil, Ballwin, Missouri). Aside from the dent removal process, there is a vehicle storage requirement. Operational aspects of this requirement will be addressed on a case by case basis through the conditional use permit review process.

The HDC zoning district is the City's commercial zoning district which allows high intensity commercial land uses. Given the nature of the proposed business, allowing the proposed use as a conditional use in the HDC zoning district is consistent with the purpose and intent of the district and is consistent with similar low impact automotive related uses that are also permitted as conditional uses in the HDC district.

Allowing this use as a conditional use will allow the staff and the Plan Commission the opportunity to review the specific facts associated with each individual application in order to determine the

appropriate conditions to place on the use to mitigate any negative impacts per the provisions of the Land Use Code, Article VII.

The Plan Commission considered the request for text amendment on October 15, 2012, and voted unanimously to recommend adoption to the Board of Aldermen.

Staff recommendation is to approve the text amendment to Chapter 405 of the City's Land Use Code.

Jake Reby, Attorney with Lewis, Rice and Fingersh, representative for TMC Realty was present to answer any questions from the Board.

Alderman Harris moved to close the public hearing to consider Bill No. 6360, a text amendment to Chapter 405 to allow "paintless dent repair shops" as a conditionally permitted use in the High Density Commercial zoning district. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6360, an ordinance to approve a text amendment to Chapter 405 to be read for the first time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6360, an ordinance revising Chapter 405 (Zoning Regulations) of Title IV (Land Use) of the Municipal Code of the City of Clayton, Missouri, Section 405.3290 (Permitted Uses for the "HDC" High Density Commercial District) to include paintless dent removal (automotive) as a conditionally permitted use in the High Density Commercial District, and other actions related thereto for the first time by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6360, an ordinance to approve a text amendment to Chapter 405 to be read for the second time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6360 for the second time; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – recused; Alderman Boulton – Aye; Alderman Berger – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6240 of the City of Clayton.

A PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT for 8061 CLAYTON ROAD

Alderman Harris moved to open the public hearing to consider Resolution No. 12-29, a request for a Conditional Use Permit for Dent Devil located at 8061 Clayton and request proof of publication. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Note: Alderman Winings – recused.

Acting City Manager Watson reported that this is a request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow an automotive paintless dent repair shop at 8061 Clayton Road to be known as Dent Devil (formerly occupied by Oil Change Plus). The property has an HDC zoning designation.

The operation allows individuals to drop-in or to schedule an appointment for onsite inspections and estimates. Repairs, depending on business levels, are typically accomplished in one or two days. During peak times, such as after a significant hail storm, there is an increase in the need for vehicle storage, which, given the small size of this site, will have to occur at another location. The applicant has indicated they will have an off-site parking agreement with a nearby property owner in Richmond Heights.

The facility is comprised of a two-bay vehicle service area, a small office/reception area and 5 parking spaces (1 space is ADA compliant). The building is 1,420 square feet in size and there is a full basement that will be used for storage. The site is located at the corner of Francis Place and Clayton Road. Vehicular access to the site is located off of Clayton Road. Hours of operation will be 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Occasionally, during peak business periods, the applicant may have to work on vehicles after 6:00 p.m., however during this time the business will be closed to customers.

Neighboring land uses are commercial in nature and the property is surrounded by properties with an HDC zoning designation. The proposed hours of operation and the operational characteristics of the use, do not lend themselves to offensive noise, obnoxious smells or concerns with the use of hazardous chemicals. The vehicles that are eligible to be repaired at this type of automotive service are not wrecked and are normally not unsightly.

The Plan Commission considered the request for the Conditional Use Permit at its October 15, 2012, meeting and voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Board of Aldermen.

Staff recommendation is to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a paintless dent removal business at 8061 Clayton Road pursuant to the stipulations and conditions listed in the attached resolution.

Mr. Reby introduced Mike Schultz, owner, and commented that the property is a very high-end use in this area. He said that the Dent Devil operation will be keeping with the City's environmental initiative by using environmentally friendly paints.

In response to Alderman Boulton's question, Mr. Schultz stated that they would average approximately 6-10 cars per day, usually more if there has been a hailstorm.

In response to Mayor Goldstein's question, Mr. Schultz stated that there would be no customer traffic after 6:00 p.m. which is their closing time.

In response to Alderman Garnholz's question, Mr. Schultz stated that repairs will be made inside the building and inspections and assessments of the vehicles would be performed in the rear of the building. Mr. Schultz added that they would not be storing vehicles and that they had permission to use a neighboring parking lot if it was necessary.

Alderman Harris moved to close the public hearing to consider Resolution No. 12-29, a request for a Conditional Use Permit for Dent Devil located at 8061 Clayton. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris moved to approve Resolution No. 12-29, granting a Conditional Use Permit for Dent Devil located at 8061 Clayton. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Winings rejoined the meeting.

A PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT 7700 DAVIS DRIVE (CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)

Alderman Harris moved to open the public hearing to consider Resolution No. 12-30, a request for a Conditional Use Permit for Central Presbyterian Church, 7700 Davis Drive and request proof of publication. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

Acting City Manager Watson reported that this is a public hearing and resolution to consider a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Tyler Stephens, architect on behalf of Central Presbyterian Church, owner, to legitimize an existing 4 space surface parking lot, a portion of which is located in the required front yard area, at 7700 Davis Drive.

The property has dual zoning designations; R-2 Single Family Dwelling District and R-6 Medium Density Multiple Family Dwelling District. The parking lot, located at the northeast corner of the property near the intersection of Davis Drive and Hanley Road, is on the R-6 portion of the property. The City's Zoning Regulations allow parking in the front yard with the approval of a conditional use permit.

This request is a component of the applications associated with the redevelopment of the church-owned properties at 7700 Davis Drive, 827 Hanley Road, 835 Hanley Road, 818 North Biltmore Drive, 820 North Biltmore Drive, and 824 North Biltmore Drive.

The approval of this conditional use permit would only allow the existing parking area to remain in its current location and configuration and does not address any other aspects of the redevelopment of the church-owned properties.

The parking spaces are reserved for church officials and used during special occasions such as weddings and funerals. Access to the parking lot is provided by a one-way driveway located between Davis Drive and Hanley Road. Cars enter the parking area from Davis Drive and exit onto Hanley Road.

The existing parking area is situated two to three feet below grade. An existing landscape bed with shrubs provides screening from Davis Drive. Two new Skyline Locust trees are proposed along Davis Drive and will provide additional screening.

The Plan Commission considered the request for the Conditional Use Permit at its October 15, 2012, meeting and voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Board of Aldermen.

Staff recommendation is to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the existing 4-space surface parking lot at the northeast corner of 7700 Davis Drive to remain, pursuant to the stipulations and conditions listed in the resolution.

Tyler Stephens, Core10 Architecture, addressed the Board stating that the lot is an existing lot and the CUP was needed due to the recent approval of a lot consolidation. He explained that a setback was given back to the City which triggered the required approval of a conditional use permit.

Alderman Garnholz reported that the Plan Commission had several concerns such as, stacked parking, placement of signage, staff only lot, if the lot would be used for events, and also the visibility. She said that the Church has agreed to all of the concerns and the resolution will also reflect the prohibitions.

Alderman Harris moved to close the public hearing to consider Resolution No. 12-30, a request for a Conditional Use Permit for Central Presbyterian Church, 7700 Davis Drive Clayton. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris moved to approve Resolution No. 12-30, a request for a Conditional Use Permit for Central Presbyterian Church, 7700 Davis Drive. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A MOTION TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE TO SELL ALL KINDS OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR AT RETAIL BY THE DRINK, INCLUDING SUNDAYS FOR BRAZIKAT BRAZILIAN STEAK & SEAFOOD HOUSE AT 172 CARONDELET PLAZA

BKAT, LLC. is requesting a liquor license to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquor at retail by the drink, including Sundays, at 172 Carondelet Plaza under the name Brazikat Brazilian Steak & Seafood House.

The Police Department has completed its review of the application and supports the issuance of the requested license. The Planning and Development department has also approved the application with no objections.

The applicant has chosen not to submit a petition from surrounding property owners and first floor tenants. As a result, they are aware that this application must have a super majority vote of five Board members in order to be approved. Staff has requested that a representative be in attendance at the meeting.

Staff recommends passing a motion to approve the liquor license to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquor at retail by the drink, including Sundays.

Sam Barakat, owner, addressed the Board stating that they are planning to open on December 7th.

Alderman Harris moved to approve a liquor license for Brazikat Brazilian Steak & Seafood House. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE CITY OF CLAYTON STRATEGIC PLAN – C THE FUTURE

Alderman Harris moved to approve Resolution No. 12-31 and adopt the City of Clayton Strategic Plan – C The Future. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT WITH CONCORDIA SEMINARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Acting City Manager Watson reported that for many years, Clayton has had various agreements with Concordia Seminary for Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) to the City for public safety services. The most recent agreement expired on September 30, 2012, and a new agreement has been negotiated.

The proposed agreement is for a one-year period, with the provision for automatic renewals for up to four (4) additional one-year extensions. The agreement includes a sixty-day notice provision if the PILOT is not to be renewed. Highlights of the new agreement include:

- It is retroactive to the expiration date of the last agreement.
- There is an increase in the base annual fee from \$30,000 for FY 2011 to \$38,288, with a flat three percent (3%) escalator every year which is a decrease from the prior five percent (5%) escalator, this rate is in-line with current projections for cost of services and, should conditions significantly change, the contract has provisions for renegotiation of the terms.
- The provision has been retained allowing a reduction in the base fee if the Seminary makes improvements to its "life safety" equipment or systems at the Seminary. Twenty percent (20%) of the expenditures may be credited toward the annual fee, up to a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the annual fee amount. This provision gives an incentive to the Seminary to continue to make major life safety improvements to the campus. This provision has encouraged the Seminary to make significant investments in Life Safety during the last contract.

Staff feels this is an innovative approach to help promote public safety and strengthen our partnership with the Seminary on an important issue of mutual interest.

Recommendation is to approve the ordinance authorizing the new PILOT fee agreement.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6361 to consider approving a PILOT agreement with Concordia Seminary to be read for the first time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6361, an ordinance authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Concordia Seminary for fire protection, ambulance and police services for property at 801 Seminary Place for the first time by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6361 to consider approving a PILOT agreement with Concordia Seminary to be read for the second time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6361 for the second time; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; Alderman Boulton – Aye; Alderman Berger – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6241 of the City of Clayton.

Mayor Goldstein commented about *C The Future* stating that she had a conversation earlier today with Julia Novak regarding the clarification of the elected officials roles. She said that the Plan is a community based Strategic Plan with lots of input from the community coming to us and expressing

their vision and commitment to helping create that vision and implement all of the initiatives. At the next discussion session on Friday they will have an agenda item to dialogue about the role of the elected officials. Specifically, she feels that the elected officials should not be a sponsor because it doesn't make sense to champion something, present, and recommend implementing something in a certain way. She wants to consider aldermanic liaisons to each of the key performance areas so that they can stay involved and in touch to help guide the process, but leave the champion sponsoring aspect to the citizens.

Alderman Maddox-Dallas agreed and added that she feels that the City already has a process and structure in place, such as the Sustainability Committee, and she wants to make sure that those related topics get addressed also through such committees.

Other

Mayor Goldstein gave the Board a brief description of her recent trip to the Amazon and shared a story about a village's "economic development".

Alderman Harris gave a report on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Shaw Park pool had a record attendance this summer and the new food service was well received.

She reported that the Dog Park Committee met last evening and about 20 people attended. They reported that they are at 50% of their fundraising goal.

Alderman Maddox-Dallas reported that the Sustainability Committee met recently and Susan Renard and Bull Durham gave an insightful presentation on the use of native plants. The presentation led to a good discussion as to how the City might educate its residents on the use of native plants. She also is excited about the Watershed Management Plan and felt it would be good for the residents.

Alderman Garnholz reported that CCF will again hold a holiday event during the All That Glitters event on December 7 and they will be providing desserts and wines. The CCF (members) have started a new outreach program, *Parlor Parties*, designed to help get the word out about the organization. The first event was held last weekend at The Feder's home and Sarah Umlauf gave a historical presentation on the neighborhood that everyone in attendance enjoyed.

CCF has signed a pledge agreement with Barry Wehmueeller for modifications to the Master Plan Overlay for the northeast corner of Shaw Park. Also, Gary Feder shared with her that CCF has raised over \$1.6 million since its inception.

Alderman Winings reported that the CCF Board met October 24 and they approved the borrowing of the *Trova* sculptures, but there is still a lot more work to do on the details and with the City before it is all finalized.

The CCF reported that they currently have approximately \$500,000 currently in the bank.

CCF reviewed some renderings of the Enterprise Pavilion, good concept and an open air design which they all felt would be a good fit for Shaw Park.

CCF is also making an appeal for fundraising for the dog park.

Alderman Boulton commented that as a new member of the NUERF Board she is very impressed with the expertise that all of the members provide.

She also commented that she is very excited about the Deer Creek Watershed initiative that will be available to Clayton residents if the Board approves a resolution supporting the initiative.

Alderman Berger reported on the recent UERF meeting and he stated that he feels very positive with respect to the return span over the last three to five years. The challenge is a goal of a 7% return and right now 30% of the monies are in cash which makes it very difficult to achieve the 7%. He said that historically returns had been very good despite the downturn in 2008 and 2009.

Mayor Goldstein also reported that the MYAC is scheduled to meet at City Hall, November 15, 6:00 p.m. Clayton is hosting the St. Louis County Municipal League at The Center of Clayton, November 15, 7:00 p.m., and Wydown Middle School will be holding their open house on November 15th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk